EXPORT OF HANDLOOM ITEMS FROM KUTCH DISTRICT

2689. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and value of handloom items exported during the years 1991-92, 1992-93 and so far in 1993-94 by handicraft cottage entrepreneres from Kutch district of Gujarat state;

(b) the share of handloom exports in the total textile exports during the same period;

(c) the target envisaged for export of handloom items during the year 1994-95;

(d) the measures taken to boost export of handloom items by the Central Government from Kutch District; and

(e) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) and (b) State and District-wise export figures are not maintained in the Ministry of Textiles.

(c) Export targets for 1994-95 in respect of cotton handloom products have not been fixed.

(d) and (e) Government have been taking a number of steps to boost exports of cotton handloom products from the country, including Kutch district, such as sponsoring Buyer Seller Meets, participation in fairs in major markets, releasing advertisements in foreign trade magazines, product development and quality upgradation through appropriate training programmes.

EXTENSION OF MAHARASHTRA RAW COTTON ACT, 1971

2690. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra has asked for the extension of the Maharashtra Raw Cotton (Procurement, Processing and Marketing) Act, 1971 by another ten years i.e. upto year 2003 so that cotton monopoly procurement scheme may be continued;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the decision taken by the Central Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) to (c) Yes Sir, The Union Government has extended the Maharashtra Cotton Monopoly Scheme for a further period of one year i.e. from 1-7-93 to 30-6-94 on the existing terms and conditions.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON TURN AROUND STRATEGY FOR NTC

2691. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Sub-committee on the Turn Around Strategy for (NTC) the National Textiles Corporation headed by him has submitted its report on various aspects;

(b) if so, the details of the turn around strategy for NTC and modernisation plan suggested by this Sub-Committee;

(c) the Government's reaction thereto particularly the funding of the modernisation and revival plans for the textile mills;

(d) whether State-wise allocation has been made for the revival and modernisation of NTC mills during the last five years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.